



STATE OF ARIZONA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

1700 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85007

JANET NAPOLITANO
GOVERNOR

MAIN PHONE: 602-542-4331
FACSIMILE: 602-542-7601

May 2, 2006

The Honorable Ken Bennett
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1477: psychotropic drugs; testing; informed consent

Dear President Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1477 relating to psychotropic drug testing.

This bill is not needed to safeguard patients because adequate and comprehensive procedures currently exist to protect participants in drug trials and ensure each participant provides informed consent. Senate Bill 1477 would not meaningfully improve those protections, but would impose unnecessarily burdensome impediments on the ability of behavioral health professionals to deliver services. It also unnecessarily holds such professionals to a higher standard than other medical professionals. In addition, because this bill leaves many key terms undefined, it is susceptible to overly broad interpretations that could further harm already vulnerable patients.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 1477.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.
Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TN/jm

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Linda Gray

FAILED

Passed the House April 17, 20 06

by the following vote: 25 Ayes,

30 Nays, 5 Not Voting

Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 14, 20 06

by the following vote: 16 Ayes,

13 Nays, 0 Not Voting

1 VACANCY
President of the Senate

Charmion Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

 day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

 , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

S.B. 1477

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

ON RECONSIDERATION

Passed the House April 20, 20 06

by the following vote: 34 Ayes,

23 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate _____, 20 _____

by the following vote: _____ Ayes,

_____ Nays, _____ Not Voting

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

27th day of April, 2006

at 2:09 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

VETO

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 2 day of May, 20 06

at 4:58 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

ON RECONSIDERATION
S.B. 1477